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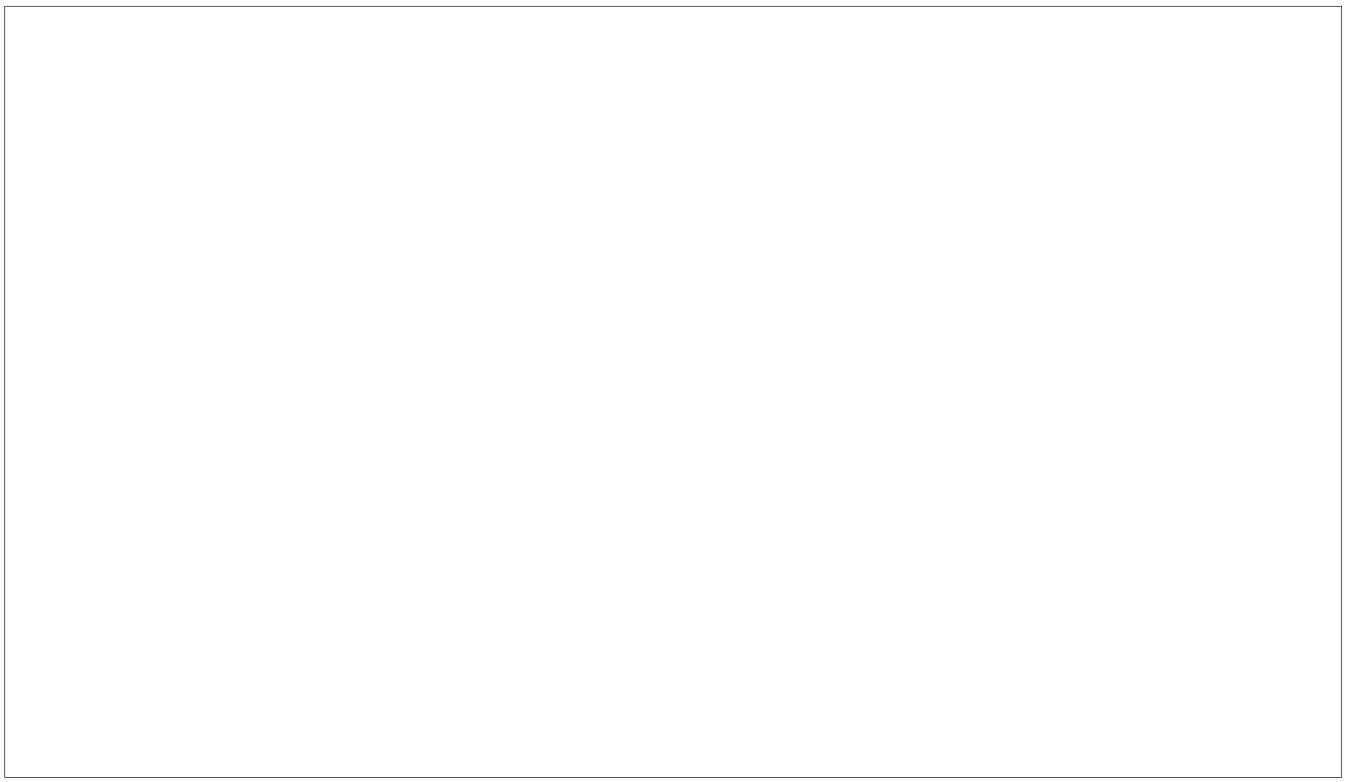

Yugoslav-Albanian Trade Falls Short of 1967 Goal

Yugoslav-Albanian trade during 1967 fell short of the $6.9 million target goal, but still increased from $4.1 million in 1966 to $4.9 million.

COMMENT: The failure of Yugoslav-Albanian trade to reach the expected 1967 goal is to a great extent the fault of the Albanians who were unable to equal their 1966 exports to Yugoslavia, while the Yugoslav's increased their exports to Albania by 47 percent. Albania's technical inability to deliver the goods provided for on the commodity lists is further indication of the failure of their alliance with Peking to provide the necessary aid to expand and develop the Albanian economy.

Bulgarian Party Officials Visit Yugoslavia

Konstantin Telalov, head of the Bulgarian Communist party's department for international relations and Stefan Velichkov,

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an official in the department, visited Yugoslavia from 21 to 25 March for talks with Nijaz Dizdarevic, Yugoslav party executive committee member in charge of relations with other parties. The conversations dealt with bilateral party cooperation for 1968 and "current matters in the international workers' movement."

COMMENT: This is the first public announcement of the Bulgarians' visit. Possibilities for major topics in the conversations are the heightening earlier this year of the Macedonian problem, the results of the Budapest and Sofia conferences, and, perhaps, the bloc meeting on 23 March at Dresden.

AP Report Attempts to Revive Mindszenty Question

AP Vienna has reported that Cardinal Mindszenty has decided to leave Hungary to go to Rome. The report also rehashes the events of last fall when Mindzenty threatened to leave his sanctuary in the US Embassy in Budapest. It claims that since then the regime has lost interest in arranging Mindzenty's departure.

COMMENT: By judicious use of fuzzy dating the AP report has tried to turn a summary into a scoop. According to State Department there are no new developments in the Mindszenty affair. The AP report probably is just another case of the annual press revival of interest in Mindzenty that takes place every year at his birthday.

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